

Klansman Loses Job ^{Part}

NAPANOCH, N.Y.—A man claiming to be the head of the Ku Klux Klan in the state has been suspended from his teaching job at an upstate prison following a probe into alleged Klan activity at the facility.

Earl Schoonmaker, a teacher for high school equivalency diplomas, said Sunday; They can't get me out of the prison for being a member of the Klan—that's perfectly legal. So they have to look for something under the rug, and this is the best they could come up with."

A state corrections department spokesman said the suspension came after an inmate reportedly was asked to make Klan-inspired paintings. There were also several suspicious fires in the cells of black and Spanish-speaking prisoners, the spokesman said. The department said it would file charges in the painting incident.